

A. REMARKS

1. General Remarks

The Office Action Summary does not indicate whether the Office Action mailed 6/5/2003 was in response to the Response filed by the applicant on 3/17/2003. The applicant requests the Examiner to please verify that the claim, specification, and drawing amendments submitted on 3/17/2003 were properly entered.

2. Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1 through 20 under §102(e) as being anticipated by Lehtikoinen et al, (U.S. Patent No. 6,559,872). The Applicant respectfully disagrees that the Lehtikoinen patent discloses the limitations recited in the claims.

Based on amended claim limitations, applicant asserts that the Lehtikoinen patent is no longer a proper reference for rejecting the claims.

B. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A programmable apparatus for displaying secondary content, comprising:

a computer;

a software program for displaying a spotlight cursor having a circumference;

the computer being directed to display secondary content when said secondary content is

covered by a point on said circumference; and

wherein the secondary content is displayed without user interaction.

2. (Previously Presented) The programmable apparatus of claim 1 wherein said circumference is visible as a solid line or a broken line or not visible.

3. (Previously Presented) The programmable apparatus of claim 1 wherein said secondary content is one of the following: gradual, all or zone.

4. (Previously Presented) The programmable apparatus of claim 1 wherein the light within the circumference is of selectable and variable intensity.

5. (Previously Presented) The programmable apparatus of claim 1 wherein the area inside the circumference is a pre-selectable color.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer readable memory for causing a computer having a cursor to display secondary content comprising:

a computer readable storage medium;

a program stored in said storage medium;

the storage medium so configured by said program, causes the computer to display a spotlight cursor having a radius, a circumference, and a center located at the forward most point

of the cursor; wherein responsive to coincidence of coordinates on said circumference and said

secondary content, said secondary content is displayed without user interaction.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented process to accomplish display of secondary content upon activation by a spotlight cursor comprising:

using a first program in the memory of a computer, performing the following steps;

determining whether or not the user has selected the spotlight cursor;

determining whether or not a radius has been selected;

obtaining the coordinates of the cursor;

calculating the location of a circumference;

determining whether the circumference has covered a secondary content;

causing a secondary content to be displayed without user interaction;

using a second program in the memory of a computer, performing the following steps:

displaying a menu;

determining whether or not secondary contents are to be displayed;

selecting the radius;

selecting intensity;

selecting color for area inside the circumference;

selecting color of the circumference;

selecting configuration of the circumference; and

determining the definition of secondary content.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for creating a spotlight cursor for causing secondary content

to be revealed comprising:

obtaining the coordinates of the cursor;

calculating the location of a circumference;

determining whether the circumference has covered a secondary content; and

responsive to a determination that the circumference has covered a secondary content,

causing a secondary content to be displayed without user interaction.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of determining whether or not the user has selected the spotlight cursor.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of determining whether or not the radius has been selected.

11. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

defining ~~ana~~ peripheral area around a cursor; ~~and~~

displaying a secondary content associated with an item upon a determination that the peripheral area intersects the item; ~~and~~

wherein the secondary content is displayed without user interaction.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the peripheral area is a circle.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the intersection occurs on a graphical user interface.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the cursor is a pointer.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the secondary content is displayed without the cursor intersecting the item.

16. (Currently Amended) A program product comprising:

a computer readable medium;

wherein the computer usable medium comprises instructions comprising:

instructions for defining a peripheral area around a cursor; and

instructions for displaying a secondary content associated with an item upon a

determination that the peripheral area intersects the item; and

wherein the secondary content is displayed without user interaction.

17. (Previously Presented) The program product of claim 16 wherein the peripheral area is a circle.

18. (Previously Presented) The program product of claim 16 wherein the intersection occurs on a graphical user interface.

19. (Previously Presented) The program product of claim 16 wherein the cursor is a pointer.

20. (Previously Presented) The program product of claim 16 wherein the secondary content is displayed without the cursor intersecting the item.

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For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant submits that the claims of the present application are not fairly taught by any of the references of record, taken either alone or in combination. Therefore, allowance of the present application is in order, and is requested.

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